

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging shopping malls, stores, and local units of government throughout Indiana to adopt a "Code Adam" child safety protocol.

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Whereas, The "Code Adam" program was first established in 1995;

Whereas, The program, named in memory of Adam Walsh, six-year-old Florida boy who was abducted from a shopping mall and murdered in 1981, is used as a preventive tool against child abductions in more than 45,000 stores across the nation;

Whereas, The program protocol is activated when a customer reports a missing child to a store employee;

Whereas, An alert is announced over the public address system and a brief description of the child is obtained and provided to all designated employees, who immediately stop their normal work to search for the child and monitor all exits to help prevent the child from leaving the store;

Whereas, If the child is not found within the first ten minutes during a storewide search, or if the child is seen accompanied by someone other than a parent or guardian, store personnel contact local law enforcement and request assistance;

Whereas, The program has proven extremely successful in



thwarting many attempted abductions through the issuance of a "Code Adam" alert in commercial establishments; it continues to be implemented in stores across the country with the help of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

Whereas, According to the United States Department of Justice, approximately 4,600 children are abducted annually by nonfamily members; and

Whereas, Indiana should take all possible steps to ensure the safety of Hoosier children: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages all
- 2 shopping malls, stores, and local units of government to adopt the
- 3 "Code Adam" child safety protocol.
- 4 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 5 Secretary of the Senate to the National Center for Missing and
- 6 Exploited Children, the National Federation of Independent Business,
- 7 the Association of Indiana Counties, the Indiana Association of Cities
- 8 and Towns, and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

